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### **U.S. ATTORNEY AND CHESTER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO CO-HOST ELECTRONIC CRIME FORUM**

PHILADELPHIA – On April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Patrick Meehan and Chester County, Pennsylvania District Attorney Joseph Carroll will Co-Host a meeting of the Electronic Crime Partnership Initiative (ECPI) at Drexel University. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Paul Peck Alumni Center on Drexel's campus. National Institute of Justice Director Sarah V. Hart will attend. The Delaware Valley Chapter of the High Technology Crimes Investigator's Association (HTCIA) and the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS) will present Director Hart with plaques in appreciation of her support of state and local law enforcement in the field of Electronic Crime Prevention, Investigation and Prosecution.

Mr. Meehan and Mr. Carroll are both active members of the Electronic Crime Partnership Initiative, a National Institute of Justice program established to support and expand the capabilities of state and local law enforcement to prevent, investigate and prosecute electronic crime. The ECPI has and will continue to address the needs identified by the law enforcement and public safety communities in the National Institute of Justice Research Report: Electronic Crime Needs Assessment for State and Local Law Enforcement, as well as the needs identified through the ongoing rapport the ECPI maintains with law enforcement.

The ECPI is comprised of electronic crime subject matter experts representing law enforcement, academia, and the private sector from across the United States, working in cooperation on programs and technology development projects to improve the law enforcement response to electronic crime. ECPI members have the opportunity to ensure the electronic crime, digital evidence and technology exploitation issues unique to their respective fields are considered in NIJ's development of electronic crime-related technologies. NIJ pursues these technologies based on technology needs and operational requirements articulated by the ECPI.

Currently the ECPI is working on several projects to address electronic crime issues:

The Electronic Crime Prevention and Investigation College and University Degree Curriculum.

The Electronic Crime Prevention and Investigation Degree Curriculum has been recognized as a valuable project that will provide formal education in this rapidly evolving field. This degree program will enable today's law enforcement officers to augment their formal education and endow undergraduate students with the formal education they will need to enter this dynamic field and join the fight to prevent and investigate electronic crime.

This project is enjoying great success at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, and it has attracted the attention of several prestigious colleges and universities including Drexel University, Phoenix University, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of North Texas and Defiance College. Part of the work that will be done here during these two days of meetings will identify the how this project can be expanded to even more colleges and universities to reach even more students. That expansion will create the workforce that will enter this field prepared to address electronic crime in the years to come.

An Electronic Court Order Compliance Protocol for Internet Service Providers.

The Electronic Court Order Compliance Protocol will enable Internet Service Providers to comply with court orders quickly over secure servers and enable law enforcement to continue electronic crime investigations faster by reducing the time the ISPs need to compile and convert the data sought in the warrant or subpoena. This project will transfer the information from the ISPs and electronic record custodians to law enforcement in format that will facilitate more efficient use of the data resulting shorter more efficient investigations.

Development of secure wireless capability for Law Enforcement Officers to access vital investigation information and resources through PDAs, (Personal Digital Assistants).

The secure wireless capability for law enforcement officers in the field to access vital investigation assistance and resources through PDAs will prove to be a significant advancement to electronic crime fighting. Using available wireless handheld device technology and secure data transmission through encryption, investigators will be able to access valuable electronic crime investigative and reference information while at a crime scene and while conducting investigations in the field. This project has the potential to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of electronic crime investigators exponentially.

Development of Identity Theft Prevention and Investigation Response protocols for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies.

The Identity Theft Prevention and Response protocols for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies will enable our Police Officers to better serve the Public in this rapidly growing area Electronic Crime that spans jurisdictional boundaries. Common investigation protocols for dealing with Identity Theft Crimes will significantly increase the successful investigations and prosecutions of these crimes particularly when they involve multiple jurisdictions and various states.